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SUBJ: US SHIP VISITS TO TURKISH PROTS

1. MARCH 17, MUTUAL SECURITY AFFAIRS (POLITICAL/MILITARY)
COUNSELOR FRANCIS WAS CALLED INTO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS,MR.
HALUK OZGUL. OZGUL SAID THAT "ALTHOUGH GOT AGREED IN
PRINCIPLE TO US SHIP VISITS TO TURKISH PORTS, THE GOT HAD TO
REQUEST THE USS MANLEY AND USS PAGE TO DELAY THEIR SCHEDULED
VISITS UNTIL A MORE APPROPRIATE TIME." OZGUL EXPLAINED
THAT "THE SITUATION IN TURKEY IS UNCERTAIN AT THE PRESENT
TIME" AND THAT THERE WERE "CLOUDS OF SUSPICION WHICH SHOULD
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BE DISPELLED"BEFORE ADDITIONAL US NAVAL SHIP VISITS SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED.

2. THE USS MANLEY WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT ISKENDERUN MARCH 27
TO APRIL 1, 1978 AND THE USS PAGE WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT
ISTANBUL APRIL 4 TO 7, 1978.

3. IN THE GIVE AND TAKE FOLLOWING OZGUL'S FORMAL PRESENTATION IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT THIS DECISION WAS MADE AT "A VERY HIGH LEVEL." IT WAS ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT THE RECENT VIOLENCE IN ISTANBUL WAS ONLY A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO A MORE BASIC DECISION THAT US NAVAL SHIP VISITS SHOULD NOT BE SCHEDULED UNTIL THE UNCERTAINTY INVOLVING THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WAS ELIMINATED.

4. COMMENT : IRONICAL NOTE OF APPROVAL "IN PRINCIPLE" (SAME TERM WE HAVE USED VIS A VIS DCA) WILL NOT PASS UNNOTICED BY ADDRESSEES. WE ASSUME NO MORE SHIP VISITS WILL BE APPROVED BY GOT UNTIL DCA IS PASSED, AND WE BELIEVE USG SHOULD MAKE NO FURTHER REQUESTS FOR VISITS IN ABSENCE OF DCA PASSAGE.
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